



agency for persons with disabilities
State of Florida

APD PROVIDERS / SUPPORT COORDINATORS JOINT MEETING

Thursday, January 21, 2010 9:30 A.M.

401 NW 2ND AVENUE, SUITE N-1011, MIAMI, FL 33128

AGENDA ITEM	ISSUE / DISCUSSION	ACTION / FOLLOW UP
I. CALL TO ORDER	Meeting began at 9:40 a.m. Ms. Evelyn Alvarez welcomed everyone in attendance and expressed gratitude for all the holiday greeting cards and wished all a Happy New Year.	
II. STATE / AREA AND APD UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Evelyn Alvarez extended condolences to all of those affected by the Haiti disaster; thoughts and prayers are with you. Moment of silence was observed. APD has been actively involved at the State EOC by having a support representative there. There have been many transports from Haiti to South Florida for medical assistance and efforts for repatriation of the U.S. citizens that were already in Haiti. To this effort, there have been over 6600 individuals to arrive here and more than 2700 have been receiving ongoing supports. Recurring aftershocks are of concern at this time. Expectation of a mass migration is being anticipated and planning is in progress. The Governor signed an order giving temporary protective status those Haitian illegal immigrants within the State of Florida, allowing them to submit their applications for employment and federal government assistance. The State of Florida EOC is still continuing to work on the H1N1 responses in addition to Operation Haiti Relief as it relates to safety and security.❖ Ms. Alvarez announced new staff David Gonzalez, Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ For more information about the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, please contact Evelyn Alvarez at (305) 349-1478.

**CONTINUED STATE /
AREA AND APD UPDATE**

Technology Specialist and Douglas Marans, Certified Behavior Analyst. Welcome aboard!

- ❖ I-budget Florida is ongoing. Stakeholder and public meetings are taking place to gather feedback and information in order to report to the Legislature on February 1, 2010. The South Florida meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2010, in Hollywood, FL from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 6411 Taft St. Another stakeholders meeting will be held at the end of the month. Further directions are forthcoming as to how we will proceed with the I-budget project.
- ❖ An email was sent reminding you of the importance of reviewing the information pertaining to Medicaid fraud with your staff. This is critical! There is a rise in the number of fraud cases being reported. Please educate your staff on the consequences of fraud.

- Ms. Carolyn Eleby announced that we were unable to meet the previous 5-year Supported Employment initiative goals and we will be making changes in this area with better collaboration with our community partners so that we will be prepared for the new 5-year goals and initiatives already in progress.
 - ❖ Ms. Eleby thanked WSCs for their quick response to the new Delmarva quality assurance efforts requiring caseload listings in order to create a database for quality assurance.
 - ❖ We have been working diligently with the Medicaid and EDS offices in the enrollment of individuals on the Medicaid State plan for PCA providers. Consumers who are under the age of 21 will now have to receive PCA services through state Medicaid. The waiver will no longer serve those consumers.

- Ms. Migdalia Diaz-Prado encouraged registration for the one-time SL refresher course.
 - ❖ Providers please ensure that your billing invoices, vendor forms and financial profiles are completed properly. Please review and give your full attention to all signed documents. Improper attention to this matter results in late payments.

Corrective actions will follow to those providers who are in non-compliance.

- Mrs. Marcie Brittain reported that the Family Care Council (FCC) for Area 11 has 8 members. People are welcome to come to the meetings. Explore the website for meeting dates or contact Mrs. Brittain for more FCC information.
 - ❖ The Person-Centered Planning training for WSC's has been postponed. The new dates are April 26-27 and April 28-29, 2010. These are two-day sessions to hold a capacity of 30 participants in each. More information will follow and Mrs. Brittain will be in contact with the WSC's.

- Ms. Sharon-Powell featured thyroid awareness and wished all good health. Thyroid disorder are more common among women and is the fastest growing cancer in America, but the most curable. The thyroid aids in the delivery of oxygen, metabolism function and disorders can contribute to weight gain or loss, fatigue, high cholesterol, depression, lack of energy and Hyperthyroidism.
 - ❖ Flu season continues until March. H1N1 vaccines are still available to the public and remember your cough and cold prevention etiquettes.

- Ms. Hillary Jackson announced that the CDC+ trainings are ongoing and are for interested families. There have been positive results. Late applications are still being accepted in Central Office. We have, however, been getting reports that WSC's are discouraging families from participating in the CDC+ program. There are no trainings at this time for new consultants.
 - ❖ ABC must be kept updated. It is not an option. Corrective actions are being issued. ACLM1 & ACLM2 screens must be certified. This assignment was due from November 5, 2009. Data queries, budget projections are run off of ABC data.

Please check your caseload in order to update ABC.

- ❖ Families/consumers are not receiving copies of their support plans. Support plans are an annual exercise. Please be responsive to the families' phone calls, voice mails, and assignments from Area Office.
 - ❖ Please contact the providers of your consumers under the age of 21, to verify if they will be enrolled in the Medicaid state plan for PCA services.
 - ❖ Tier reviews will be done by the QSI assessors. More details will follow when the final procedures are complete.
 - ❖ The rebasing data has a glitch. The project is on hold because the WSC billing costs were not included in the data. New data is forthcoming. As a result, some consumers may or may not need to be rebased. Please pay close attention to those consumers under of age 21 that have PCA services. Workload reduction does not apply to the WSC's who do not have consumers that are being rebased.
- Mr. Kirk Ryon congratulates those Delmarva high achievers for November: Luis Blandon - Linking Pathways, Jose Debenito - United Group Homes, Gloria Polanco – Gloria's Group Home, Mayda Wiltz Kouri, Quality Connections, VO Support Coordination, Matthew Lawrence, Kristine Fonseca and Marcos Lopez. **CONGRATULATIONS!!**
 - ❖ Area 11 has consistently scored statewide with the highest number of providers receiving the highest scores from Delmarva.
 - ❖ Delmarva has been awarded the new contract and will continue to be the Florida statewide quality assurance program.
 - Florida Local Advocacy Council (FLAC) are volunteers comprised of the State and Local Advocacy Council system which is a consumer protection mechanism for people receiving services from state agencies in Florida. Their purpose is to investigate complaints about abuse, monitor programs and facilities and generally advocate for the welfare

	<p>of individuals who are in the care and custody of state agencies in the social service area. They have authority to review all records and they must have state I.D.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Maria Springer reported that the General Revenue (GR) is continuing to expand on our community resource guide which is available on the APD website.<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The third quarterly waitlist meeting was held in Monroe County. Community Resources were provided for those in that county.➤ 27 consumers were able to benefit from the limited Supported Employment monies.➤ Please share any community resources that you may know of by contacting Mrs. Springer.• Ms. Alvarez announced that those providers who have consumers that have been affected by the Haiti disaster and that would be in need of Mental Health Counseling, but not defined as a waiver service, please inform Ms. Hillary Jackson. Other resources may be available.	
	<p style="text-align: center;">IMPORTANT:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUR ON-CALL PHONE NUMBER IS 305-299-3366.</p>	

III. ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.	
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ATTENDANCE: Martina Osaghae, Cristina Schwarz, Anibal Caballero, Martha Gonzalez, Roberto Pire, Georgina Martin, Fred Jaime, Cherie O’Geen, Irene Khoury, Stacey Rodriguez, Ally Jalice, Dora Guzman, Suzette Janor, Rene Gomez, Stacy Kirwan, Martine Saint-Aime, Ivette Sotomayor, Joan Lee, Viveen Brooks, Martha Khan, Luis Cruz, Laura Vinent, Marianela Wata-Wara, Iredia Idukpaye, Elizabeth Walsh, Elda Caldez, Laurel Notice, Dianne Barton, Teresa Lewis, Siana Perez, Patricia Garcia-Montes, Mable Burger, Andres Pacheco, Gladys Minino, Deborah Safko, William Appleton, Greg Wells, Arnold Coats, Carlos Rocha, Penny Schueneman, Annette Lens, Manuel Achong, Luis Rodriguez, Roberto Cuadro, Jamie Levin, Lourdes Matamoros, Christian Valenzuela, Rusty Townsend, Isis Espino, Jacques Thompson, Derrick Harley, Josephine Livingston, Audrey Lawrence, Portia James, Lissette Vera, Kenneth Moman, Desma Walker, Dominique Bain, Lola Bain, Ellen Bethel, Sonya Reese, Leticia Zuniga, Sachs Brazy, Mario Valdes, Luz Ortiz, Emmanuel Orizu, Kristine Fonseca*, Sabrina Altidor*, Debbie Terenzio*, Jacqueline Butler-Wilson*, Brenda Lowe*, Cristiana Robaina*, Carol Curtis*, Yolande Flourestant*, Kathleen Mulkey*, Diane Oprandi*, Michelle Garcia*, David Mackert*, Divinier Suarez*, Ludmila Senkevich*, Mercedes Franco*, Crislayne Abraham*, Hugo Merino*, Regina Linares*, Jose Merida*.

* Denotes tardiness of more than 15 minutes